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Henry Alfred Cook Farmhouse
Pasadena
Private

1840s and expanded
late 1880s/90s

The Henry Alfred Cook Farmhouse is a typical vernacular farmhouse that is representative of the architectural evolution in Anne Arundel County and the greater Chesapeake Region. The dwelling features two separately constructed, telescoping sections.

The older portion of the house is a one-and-a-half story wing, built in the 1840s by William H. Cook and his wife Ann R. Cook. In 1887, Henry Alfred Cook married Rhoda Virginia Hancock of Hancock's Resolution. The couple made their home at the Cook Farmhouse. Sometime during the 1880s or 1890s, Henry Cook enlarged dwelling with the addition of the two-story wing.

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**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Organization: Western Shore

II. Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes: N/A

IV. Historic Period Themes: Architecture

V. Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): private residence

Known Design Source: none

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-807

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Henry Alfred Cook Farmhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hancock's Resolution Park ☐ not for publication

city, town Pasadena ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anne Arundel County (on land owned by Historic Annapolis Fdn.)

street & number 2664 Riva Road telephone no.: 410-222-7441

city, town Annapolis state and zip code: Maryland 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Court House liber 1749

street & number Church Circle folio 372

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

☐ repository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			<u>Jul-90</u>

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Henry Alfred Cook Farmhouse is located at Hancock's Resolution Park, in northeast Anne Arundel County. Facing approximately south-west, the dwelling is situated on a large grassy lot and is surrounded by mature stands of pines. The house consists of two juxtaposed frame blocks, with a common front porch.

The right (south) one-and-a-half story, hall-and-parlor wing is the oldest section. Dating to about 1840, this three-bay, center-entrance section features two dormer windows on either side, and a large, plain, interior, gable-end chimney with exposed chimney back. Windows are six-over-six, double hung sash and are not original. The door has nine lights (arranged in three rows of three) in the upper half, echoing the glazing pattern of the windows. A narrow three-light transom tops the door opening.

The floor plan in this section of the house, features one room with a large chimney breast projecting into the room from the southeast wall. The mantle is typical of the mid-19th century. The room holds a small sitting room and a kitchen.

During the 3rd quarter of the 19th century, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay, side-hall plan addition was constructed. The front windows and door transom match those found on the original section, but the door is unglazed, and instead features a wooden, six-panel type. Rear second story windows are two-over-two. The roofline of the addition is pierced by a interior, gable-end stove chimney with a corbelled cap.

Visual unity is conveyed to the two sections by German siding that spans both sections of the building without interruption, and by the uncensored, three-quarter-width front porch that shelters both front doors. The porch is supported by four wooden posts, embellished with sawn, decorative brackets, and the cornice is lined with sawn, fish-scale singles.

The interior layout of the side-hall plan addition is typical. The door opens into an entrance hall. The open string, straight-flight stair is located on the hall's left side and rises to the second floor from the rear of the hall. One room is located on the left side of the hall. Trim in this section is plain, and the wide, unadorned window casings, found here are similar to door surrounds found in the hall. On the north-west wall, the chimney breast projects into the main room. The tall, arched, stove mantle is simply embellished, and consonant with trim found throughout this portion.

A small one-story shed addition extends from the rear (northeast elevation) of the earlier one-and-a-half story wing. This was added as part of the 1990 renovation. The house originally had a rear ell extending from this location. The ell was not moved with the rest of the structure.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1840s / c. 1880-90

Builder/Architect

Check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Cook Farmhouse is a typical vernacular farmhouse that is representative of the architectural evolution in Anne Arundel County and the Chesapeake Region. Begun in the 1840s, the house remained in the Cook Family until 1990 when the property where it once stood on Bayside Beach Road was sold to Mr. & Mrs. William N. Mason. The Mason's donated the Cook Farmhouse to Anne Arundel County and in July 1990, it was moved approximately two miles to Hancock's Resolution Park for use as a caretaker's house.

The oldest portion dates to about 1840 and is a one-and-a-half story, one room plan wing that has a large interior gable-end chimney with an exposed chimney-back. One room plan houses in the Chesapeake region were constructed from the early colonial period onward, but decreased in popularity after 1830 or so (1). Therefore, this section of the Cook Farmhouse is distinguished as a late example of the one-room plan. This portion was built by William H. Cook and his second wife Ann R. Cook. They raised three sons: Henry, Oliver, and Levin P. Cook.

In 1887, the oldest son, Henry Alfred Cook married Rhoda Virginia Hancock of Hancock's Resolution. She was the second daughter of Henry Alfred Hancock and Matilda Virginia Wilkinson Hancock. Henry and Rhoda Cook made their home at the Cook Farmhouse. Here they raised their seven children: Pansy Gertrude, Annie Virginia, Grace Adaline, Edwin Nathaniel, Rebecca Matilda, Phillip Calvin, and Thomas Clifton Cook.

Sometime during the 1880s or 1890s, Henry Cook enlarged the small farmhouse to accommodate his expanding family. The larger two-and-a-half story, side-passage wing was added--it included a stair hall and parlor on the first floor and two rooms on the second. A kitchen wing was added to the rear of the house--this wing was not moved to Hancock's Resolution (2).

The house has been carefully preserved by the county and is in excellent condition.

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- (2) Donna Ware, Cook Farmhouse, A Brief History; unpublished paper, 1990, contained in site file 07, Anne Arundel County, Department of Planning and Code Enforcement, Annapolis, MD.

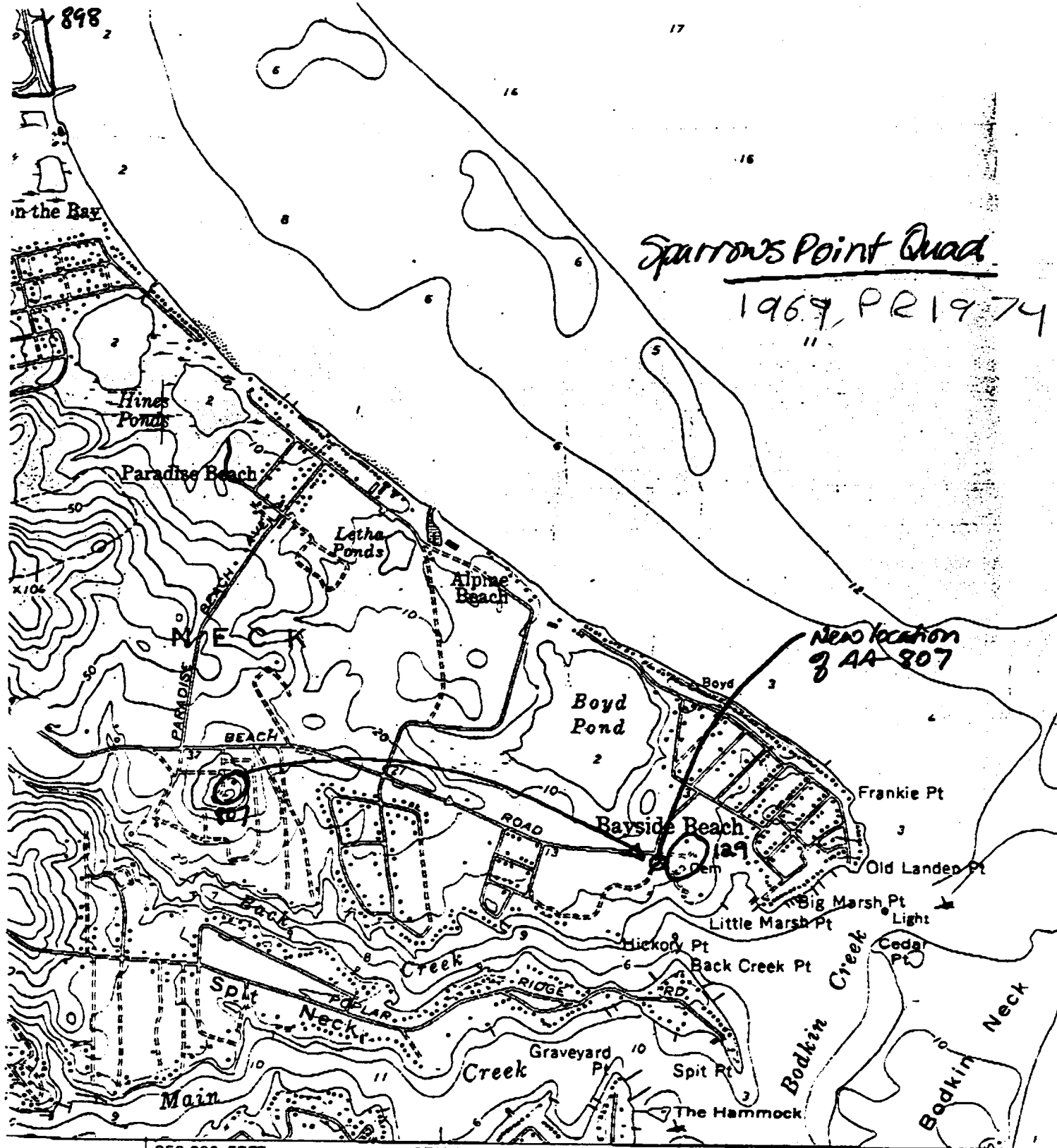
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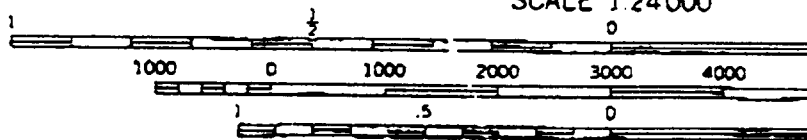
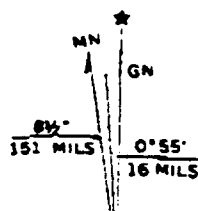
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Anne Arundel Co., Maryland

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Camera facing Northeast

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